

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Formal Matters

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-54 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 55- 69 have been added. The new claims are supported by the specification and by the original claims. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Claims 55- 69 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.


Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number LIFE-043DIV.

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